

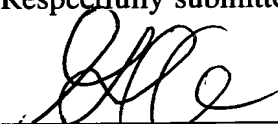
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claim 13 and new Claim 14 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims. A marked-up version is attached which shows the changes made to Claim 13.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

13. A method for operating a nuclear reactor, as claimed in claim 11[or 12], wherein said reactor core is operated with said control rods inserted into said reactor core by 30% or greater of axial length of said control rods.

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